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proceeded to Concepcion, La Huerta, Santa Cruz, Realitos, and Hebbbronville. All of these points gave histories of infection in December and January last. At Concepcion I learn, from reliable Mexican ranchmen as also from the school-teacher, that two parties from Runge, Tex. (about thirty days since), were convalescent from an illness which left them exceedingly jaundiced.

The conditions at Realitos are bad from a sanitary standpoint. Offensive odors are prevalent and mosquitoes plentiful.

At Hebbbronville, which is the Government transfer station for Fort Ringgold, I found no suspicious illness, but many barrels filled with water from recent rains, in which the *stegomyia* wigglers are abundant. The people promised to oil their water containers, and the railroad employees proceeded at once to do so. I would respectfully suggest that you request the Texas-Mexican authorities to have their tanks, barrels, and stagnant pools oiled on their right of way at all stations, thereby gradually educating the people to do the same.

House to house inspection—Mosquito campaign.

WASHINGTON, April 14, 1904.

RICHARDSON, Laredo, Tex.:

Referring to report on Benavides by Cock, no yellow fever having been found after careful house to house inspection, and supposing last cases were in December, Bureau considers it improbable that infected mosquitoes are present, length of life *stegomyia* for practical purposes being sixty-two days. Policy deemed best, therefore, is as follows: House to house inspection of all places on border, or near there, where yellow fever prevailed last year, mosquito netting always being provided in cases doubtful fever discovered; but if no cases discovered, measures should be taken to destroy mosquitoes and larvæ on the ground that locality is particularly liable to reinfection from outside.

In addition to above, Bureau desires mosquito destruction on travel out of Laredo so far as San Antonio, Corpus Christi, and Minera; house to house inspection wherever any evidence of there having been yellow fever, otherwise mosquito destruction alone.

WYMAN.

WASHINGTON, April 14, 1904.

RICHARDSON, Laredo, Tex.:

Bureau considering the safety of your discontinuing the daily house to house inspection of the whole city of Laredo, and substituting a more circumscribed inspection with reduced force. Wire recommendations. Letter explaining reasons mailed you 12th.

WYMAN.

LAREDO, TEX., April 15, 1904.

Referring Bureau telegram 14th, as to safety discontinuing daily inspections Laredo and working with reduced force, recommend present force until 18th, then reducing to 10 inspectors, who will continue inspections and antimosquito work, covering entire city every 3 days. Very necessary keep close supervision all water containers.

RICHARDSON.

WASHINGTON, *April 16, 1904.*

RICHARDSON, *Laredo, Tex.:*

Authorized to reduce inspection force upon 18th, retaining 10 inspectors, as recommended, and when, in your opinion, the full inspection should be resumed, wire Bureau.

WYMAN.

LAREDO, TEX., *April 15, 1904.*

Recommend Runge, Karnes County, be inspected by Service representative in San Antonio. Cock reports from Duval County arrival there month since two persons from Runge, convalescent from some illness with icterus.

RICHARDSON.

WASHINGTON, *April 18, 1904.*

PURNELL, *San Antonio, Tex.:*

Richardson wires, "Acting Assistant Surgeon Cock reports from Duval County arrival there month ago two persons from Runge, Karnes County, convalescent from some illness with icterus." You are directed to make careful inspection points between San Antonio and Corpus Christi, inclusive, along line San Antonio and Aransas Pass Railroad, taking in Runge, Karnes County, mailing reports from each point immediately to Bureau. If anything important, wire. Wire departure from San Antonio and from each place visited, stating name of place next to be visited.

WYMAN.

SAN ANTONIO, TEX., *April 18, 1904.*

WYMAN, *Washington:*

Leave for Runge 9.45 to-night. All quiet.

PURNELL.

WASHINGTON, *April 18, 1904.*

RICHARDSON, *Laredo, Tex.:*

Referring to your telegram of April 6 in response to mine of April 5 concerning mosquito campaign on three lines from Laredo, etc., events have somewhat changed situation, and it seems desirable now to make start on this campaign on line from Laredo to San Antonio. Difficult to find suitable officer to detail. Can you organize with one of your acting assistants? Wire Bureau your idea as to what the force should be and what instructions should be given them. Avoid making force too large. Bureau does not contemplate destruction of mosquitoes in all these places, but that a force should go to train a corresponding force in each place to demonstrate methods. To aid in this you could prepare and have printed at Laredo short, plain circulars for distribution in considerable numbers at each place.

WYMAN.

APRIL 19, 1904.

RICHARDSON, *Laredo, Tex.:*

Referring Cock's report 12th, have you requested Texas-Mexican authorities to have tanks, barrels, and stagnant pools oiled on their

right of way at all stations? You should make same request of all roads.

WYMAN.

APRIL 19, 1904.

Replying Bureau telegram 19th, under date of April 12 requested Texas-Mexican authorities to treat all water containers. * * *

RICHARDSON.

Assistant Surgeon Richardson telegraphs the following reports of inspection at Laredo:

APRIL 12, 1904.

Inspected to-day 2,506 premises and treated 1,313 water containers.

APRIL 13, 1904.

Inspected to-day 2,450 premises and treated 1,165 water containers; seven sick investigated.

APRIL 15, 1904.

Inspected to-day 2,676 premises and treated 1,173 water containers.

APRIL 16, 1904.

Inspected to-day 2,719 premises and treated 1,178 water containers. Two sick investigated.

APRIL 17, 1904.

Inspected to-day 2,672 premises and treated 1,000 water containers.

APRIL 18, 1904.

During week ended April 16, fumigated Laredo, 16 houses, containing 34 rooms; fumigated at Moore, 111 miles from Laredo, 89 houses, containing 198 rooms. One sick investigated. To-morrow will begin with force reduced to 10 inspectors. * * *

APRIL 19, 1904.

Inspected to-day 1,421 premises and treated 513 water containers.

INSPECTION SERVICE, MEXICAN BORDER.

Inspection at Eagle Pass, Tex.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Hume reports, April 9, as follows:

	Week ended April 9.
Persons inspected	257
Persons held (from Vera Cruz)	5
Pullman cars fumigated	7

Fumigated 4 trunks from Torreon.